

Message Text

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 01 PANAMA 01245 241347Z

ACTION ARA-14

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 SAB-02 SSO-00 NSCE-00 USIE-00

INRE-00 CIAE-00 DODE-00 PM-05 H-02 INR-10 L-03

NSAE-00 PA-02 SP-02 SS-15 /056 W

-----016959 241349Z /53

O 241300Z FEB 78

FM AMEMBASSY PANAMA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 5826

UNCLAS PANAMA 1245

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PBOR, PN, ELAB

SUBJECT: TORRIJOS-MONDALE LETTER

1. EMBASSY RECEIVED LETTER FROM GENERAL TORRIJOS TO VICE-PRESIDENT MONDALE, DATED FEBRUARY 9. LETTER ARRIVED UNDER COVER OF DIPLOMATIC NOTE #DM-049, DATED FEBRUARY 17.

2. EMBASSY TRANSLATION FOLLOWS:

BEGIN TEXT: MR. VICE-PRESIDENT: THE PANAMANIAN UNION LEADER, MR. DEAN BUTCHER, HAD THE GOOD JUDGMENT TO FORWARD TO ME THE TEXT OF THE STATEMENT YOU RECENTLY MADE BEFORE THE AFL-CIO CONVENTION, WHICH I TRANSCRIBE WITH SATISFACTION:

(NON-TRANSLATION-COPIED IN ITS ORIGINAL FORM)

BEGIN UNDERLINE: "COMMENTS MADE BY VICE PRESIDENT MONDALE BEFORE AFL CIO CONVENTION TODAY: END UNDERLINE: QUOTE... AND LET US RATIFY THOSE PANAMA CANAL TREATIES. I AM GOING TO VOTE, THE PRESIDENT IS GOING TO VOTE FOR THE SUPPORT THAT THIS ORGANIZATION HAS GIVEN TO THOSE TREATIES. MIND YOU EVERY ONE OF THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF OF YOUR SERVICES IN THIS COUNTRY IS ENTHUSIASTICALLY FOR
UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 02 PANAMA 01245 241347Z

THE RATIFICATION OF THOSE TREATIES BECAUSE THEY ARE CONVINCED THAT THE SECURITY AND NATIONAL INTEREST OF THIS COUNTRY ARE BETTER SERVED BY THE RATIFICATION OF THOSE TREATIES THAN BY LEAVING THE SITUATION AS IT IS TODAY."
YOUR WORDS PLEASE ME GREATLY, AS THEY CLEARLY VERIFY THAT THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION IS EXERCISING ITS BEST EFFORT TO COMPLY WITH ITS PROMISE TO SEEK AND

OBTAIN THE NECESSARY SUPPORT OF AMERICAN PUBLIC
OPINION SO THAT THE SENATE WILL FULLY RATIFY THE TREATIES
SIGNED ON SEPTEMBER 7TH OF LAST YEAR.

I AGREE WITH YOU WHEN YOU AFFIRM THAT THE TORRIJOS-CARTER
TREATIES PROTECT THE SECURITY AND NATIONAL INTERESTS
OF THE UNITED STATES. IN REALITY, THESE TREATIES GUARANTEE
THE PERMANENT INTERESTS OF PANAMA AND THE UNITED STATES,
BECAUSE, FOR THE UNITED STATES, THE PERMANENT INTEREST
IS BASED IN HAVING THE ASSURANCE OF NON-DISCRIMINATE USE OF
THE PANAMA CANAL AND WITH REASONABLE TOLL CHARGES.
FOR PANAMA, THE PERMANENT INTEREST CONSISTS IN
COMPLETING ITS PROCESS OF INDEPENDENCE WITH THE
ELIMINATION OF ALL FOREIGN GOVERNMENT IN ITS TERRITORY,
THE RESTITUTION OF ITS TERRITORY KNOWN AS THE PANAMA
CANAL TO THE REST OF THE COUNTRY, AND TO CONVERT
THE CANAL INTO AN INSTRUMENT FOR ITS SOCIAL AND
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. THE TREATIES WHICH YOU AND I
ADVOCATE CONSECRATE THOSE HIGH INTERESTS. WITH THE
RATIFICATION OF THE TREATIES THE PANAMA CANAL WILL
BE SURROUNDED WITH THE PANAMANIAN CORD OF FRIENDSHIP
WHICH IS THE BEST DEFENSE OF THAT ROUTE OF CONCERN
TO THE WHOLE WORLD.

I TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO REITERATE THE TESTIMONY
OF MY GREATEST APPRECIATION, AND TO WISH BOTH YOU
UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 03 PANAMA 01245 241347Z

AND YOUR WORTHY WIFE GREATER SUCCESS IN YOUR ALREADY
BRILLIANT PERSONAL AND POLITICAL LIFE.
(ORIGINAL SIGNED) OMAR TORRIJOS HERRERA, GENERAL
CHIEF OF GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF PANAMA.
END TEXT.

3. EMBASSY WILL POUCH ORIGINAL LETTER.
JORDEN

UNCLASSIFIED

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 jan 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: TREATY RATIFICATION, DIPLOMATIC COMMUNICATIONS, SPEECHES, LABOR UNIONS, CANALS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 24 feb 1978
Decaption Date: 01 jan 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: n/a
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment:
Disposition Date: 01 jan 1960
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1978PANAMA01245
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Expiration:
Film Number: D780086-0268
Format: TEL
From: PANAMA
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1978/newtext/t19780216/aaaaanpy.tel
Line Count: 102
Litigation Code IDs:
Litigation Codes:
Litigation History:
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Message ID: 33c638d0-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Office: ACTION ARA
Original Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: n/a
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: n/a
Retention: 0
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 29 mar 2005
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review Media Identifier:
Review Release Date: N/A
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
SAS ID: 3487171
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: TORRIJOS-MONDALE LETTER
TAGS: PBOR, ELAB, PPDC, PN, AFL-CIO, (MONDALE, WALTER F), (TORRIJOS HERRERA, OMAR)
To: STATE
Type: TE
vdkgvwkey: odbc://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS_Docs/33c638d0-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Review Markings:
Sheryl P. Walter
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
20 Mar 2014
Markings: Sheryl P. Walter Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 20 Mar 2014